

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of E. Mies

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMING LOW OPTICAL LOSS
SPLICES

Attorney Docket No. V8998-6

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

SIR:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for reply to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004, for a period of one (1) month from December 27, 2004, to and including January 27, 2005. Please Charge deposit account number 501358, the required fee estimated in the amount of \$120.00 for a small entity. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above-numbered deposit account. A duplicate of this sheet is attached for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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